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Pistols

1. The Rumanian Army, Militia, and Security Forces were using the 7.63 mm Mauser military pistol, equipped with a detachable wooden stock which also served as a holster. This model was more in use by the Militia and Security Forces than by the Army. I believe that the pistol was manufactured by the Mauser Works in Germany. I fired this weapon [redacted] and do not consider it as good as the Parabellum [redacted] Note: This pistol was the 1932 model Mauser with a detachable 10 or 20-round magazine located forward of the trigger guard). Another pistol used by the Rumanian Army, Militia and Security Forces was the 9 mm Parabellum. This was more widely used in the Army than the 7.63 mm Mauser. The 7.65mm Walther double action pocket pistol was used by some officers of the Rumanian Army. I am not certain whether it was the PP or the PPK model.

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Submachine Guns

2. Soviet submachine guns were used by the Rumanian Army, Militia and Security Forces. I do not know the caliber or model designation of these submachine guns, but they had a slanted muzzle brake similar to that of the PPSH-1941 model. Until 1950, most of these had drum magazines. After 1950, the box magazine came into more universal use.
3. I also saw submachine guns with a folding metal stock (like the German MP 38 and MP 40) in use by the Rumanian Army, Militia and Security Forces. I believe these were German, but do not know their model designation or caliber. The last time I saw Rumanian troops with this type submachine gun [redacted]

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Rifles

4. The standard rifle of the Rumanian Army was the 7.92-mm. Mauser. This weapon was manufactured by ZB in Czechoslovakia and the Rumanian firm of Copsa Mica-Cugir (CMC) in Cugir /4550N-2322E/. This rifle had approximately the same length barrel as the German model 98k. It had a horizontal bolt lever and was equipped with two sets of sling swivels. One set was on the underside of the weapon for infantry use and the other, on the left side, was for the cavalry. The swivel on the left side of the stock hurt my face during firing.
5. [redacted]
6. Some of the 7.92-mm. Mausers used by Rumania had Turkish or Arabic markings. I do not know how these weapons came into Rumanian hands. They had barrels approximately 60 cm. long. The rear sight leaf of these rifles was marked with a heart for the 300-m. range and a head for the 500-m. range. /Source was unable to explain the significance of these markings./
7. [redacted] I saw Rumanian Army infantry troops with long-barreled Mossin-Nagant rifles, but do not know the designation of the unit which I observed using these weapons.

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Light Machine Guns

8. The Rumanian Army, Militia and Security Forces used the 7.92-mm. model 26 light machine gun, made by ZB in Czechoslovakia. Some weapons of this model may have been made by CMC in Rumania. I am not sure of this, however.

Heavy Machine Guns

9. I heard that Rumania used 7.92-mm. heavy machine guns made by ZB in Czechoslovakia. I can not give details on this weapon.

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Trucks

10. Trucks used by the Rumanian Army and Security Forces included the Czech Praga, Tatra and Skoda, and the Soviet Zis. The Praga, Skoda and Zis trucks had four wheels (duals in rear), and the Tatra had six wheels (duals in rear). The Tatra, Praga and Zis were used for hauling cargo and transporting personnel, while the Skoda was employed as a prime mover. Some of the Zis trucks had poorly-made wooden bodies which I heard were made in Rumania. More Praga and Zis trucks were used than Skoda and Tatra. All of the trucks were in good condition. I can give no further details on the vehicles.

Passenger Vehicles

11. Czech Skoda four-cylinder and Soviet Pobeda four-door sedans were used by the Rumanian Army, Militia and Security Forces. Czech-made vehicles, similar to the American jeep, were also employed. I have no technical data on the vehicles.

Small Arms Ammunition

12. The Rumanians used 7.92-mm. rifle and machine gun cartridges made in Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Germany. The German ammunition was made during World War II and was of better quality than the Czechoslovak and Rumanian. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The Rumanian cartridges had brass cartridge cases and nickel-colored pointed bullets and had the head stamp marking CMC along with the year of manufacture. I believe that these were made in Cugir. I did not take any of these cartridges apart but [REDACTED] that they contained a yellow-colored powder. The cartridges were packed in Mauser-type clips of five rounds each and there were 10 rounds per container. The container was made of buff-colored waxed paper, and had a red stripe encircling its mid-section. The year of manufacture was marked on the container, along with the letters S or SS. I do not know the meaning of these letter markings. The Czech-made 7.92-mm. ammunition appeared to be the same as the Rumanian, but I do not remember how the Czech cartridges were marked or packed.

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